

George H. Walker

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Death of Sergeant Walker

Sergeant George H. Walker, who since the organization of the Metropolitan Police has been one of its most efficient officers, and for some time past Sergeant in the Fifth precinct, died, at one o'clock today, at his late residence, on E street, near 15th, of dropsy on the chest. Sergeant Walker was a man of many good qualities, and had many friends throughout the District. He was a native of Loudoun county, Va., but had resided here many years. He was a bright Mason, holding his membership in St. Johns, No. 11, Columbia Chapter, No. 1, and Columbia Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; and an active Odd Fellow, belonging to Friendship Lodge, No. 12, and Ridgely Encampment, No. 5.

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The Funeral of the Late Sergeant Walker

Yesterday there was quite a large turn-out of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' Lodges to attend the funeral of Sergeant Walker. The Masons and Knights Templar marched from their Hall to the late residence of the deceased, where they were joined by the Odd Fellows. The remains were borne by pall bearers, two each from the police, Knights Templar, Masons and Odd Fellows to the hearse, and thence the procession moved on to Foundry Church, where the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Gibson, after which the beautiful Templar service was ready by Eminent Commander C.W. Hancock, assisted by Rev. J.L. Ashby, Prelate, and the officers of the Commandery. The Masonic Choir, under Professor Holmes, sung some appropriate music with fine effect, with Professor Schell at the organ. After the services here were over, the remains were taken to the Congressional Cemetery, followed by a long procession of friends of the deceased, and placed in a vault, after the Masonic rites had been rehearsed by St. John's Lodge, No. 11, C.L. Patten, Master, and that of the Odd Fellows' by Rev. P.H. Sweet. A detachment of fifty police were in the line, under Lieut. Noonan. The Marine Band furnished the music. Mr. Anthony Buchly was the undertaker.